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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 023070-103031US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NOBORI et al.

Application No.: 09/780,114

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
MTASE (AS AMENDED)

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8926

Examiner: Jeanine Anne Goldberg

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 20, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal, a petition for extension of time for two months, and an Appendix A are also included.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.